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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a three-month extension of time request is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, and made final, and the Advisory Action dated January 21, 2004 for the above-identified patent application from December 15, 2003, through and including March 15, 2004.

Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 in the amount of \$950.00 to cover this extension of time request is also submitted herewith. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

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